MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An expenditure of Rs. 9,654 has been incurred in the two sections of the road from Podiyadi to Neerettupuram and from Neerettupuram to Edatva.

(*b*) About Rs. 9,600.

P. W. D. Workshop.

22. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the P. W. D. Workshop was established; and

(*b*) whether they profited in any way by the establishment of this Workshop?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The present Workshop, as it now exists, was established in 1087.

(*b*) Yes.

Abolition of the P. W. Workshop.

23. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): If it has not been in any way profitable to the Government or beneficial to the people till now, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of the abolition of the P. W. D. Workshop at the earliest opportunity?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government do not agree with the member in his presumption that the P. W. D. Workshop is neither profitable to the Government nor beneficial to the people. The question of its abolition does not therefore arise.

Land Mortgage Bank.

24. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the need for providing the ryots of Travancore with capital so as to enable them to undertake effective agricultural measures after redeeming them from their liabilities which have affected them and which have greatly retarded agricultural development;

(*b*) whether the people have not been urging the Government for a very long time to take the initiative and open a Land Mortgage Bank with the above object in view; and

(*c*) whether the opinions and prayers expressed and made in the matter by the representatives of the people, both in the Legislative Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, have not come under their notice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

Admission of In-patients in the General Hospital.

25. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that only such patients as are ailing from serious diseases are admitted as in-patients in the General Hospital?

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